

# **SACRAMENTO RIVER CONSERVATION AREA**

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**~ SB 1086 Notes~**

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## **Working Groups Meet**

Sub-reach planning is a key to coordinated efforts along the River. Through SB1086, stretches of the river that have unique concerns, such as the area near Woodson Bridge and the reach along the "J Levee" at Hamilton City, are benefitting from broad based planning efforts designated as "Working Groups". Each group consists of all interested parties and makes a special effort to notice affected area landowners.

The Woodson Bridge group met in late September to discuss areas of concerns and possible solutions. A historic perspective of river movement and flooding was provided by Koll Buer of the Department of Water Resources, and a review of the DWR alternative solutions study was discussed by Stacy Cepello.

A Working Group meeting for the Hamilton City area was held October 12 where reports from several agencies on activities were presented. A second meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. December 14 at the Hamilton City Fire Hall. A report from Bill Mendenhall on DWR area survey activities is on the agenda, as well as reports from Craig Gaines, Corps of Engineers and Tom Tinsley, Glenn County Public Works Director.

If you would like to be included on the mailing list for either of these efforts, contact Burt.

## **Web-Page Up and Going!**

Through the efforts of several dedicated DWR people, both at Northern District and the Division of Planning and Local assistance, the SB1086 Web-page is now on line. [www.sacramentoriver.ca.gov](http://www.sacramentoriver.ca.gov) is the address. Take a look at it. We would like to hear your comments. If you have a related web-site, contact Fraser Sime (530-529-7374) to discuss linking up. A special thanks to Fraser, Julie, and Stacy in putting it together.

## **MOA Signing set for December 2**

Secretary of Resources, Mary Nichols announced that a multi-agency signing of the Sacramento River Conservation Area MOA would occur December 2 at the State Capitol. Several Resource Department Officials are expected to attend. Long time followers of the popular program applaud the continued support of state, federal, and local officials. The signing of the Memorandum of Agreement for SB1086, as it is usually referred, will bring together a broad based planning effort for activities related to riparian habitat protection along the Sacramento River.

## **Final Handbook to go to Advisory Council**

At it's last meeting, the Riparian Habitat Committee agreed to recommend the final wording of the Handbook to the Advisory Council. The Management Sub-committee notified Chairman Diana Jacobs that final

wording had been worked out, with two issues to be carried over for discussion under the amendment process. Dan Keppen, NCWA, John Merz, SRPT, Les Heringer, SVLA, and Paul Ward, DFG were the key participants in the final discussions. Julie Cunningham will present the changes to the December 1<sup>st</sup> Riparian Habitat meeting in Maxwell, as agreed upon, to be printed for the Handbook. Please make sure you have sent in the bright "update notice" inside the cover of your Handbook or give us a call in order to receive the changes.

### **SB1086 Participates in River Tours**

Over the past few months representatives of SB1086 have participated with various organizations that have sponsored visits or tours along the Sacramento River. The Nature Conservancy, the Sacramento Valley Landowners Association, the Department of Water Resources, the Sacramento River Preservation Trust, and the State Reclamation Board are some of the groups that often bring visitors to the River to inform and educate. As SB1086 Coordinator, I welcome the opportunity to discuss the issues and try to present a first hand view of activities along the River. We always see or learn something new with every visit. One of the six guiding "Principles" within the Handbook is "Information and Education" of the natural and man-made river processes. If you are planning an event on or about the River please give me a call to see if we can be a part of it.

A big "THANKS" to those that have included SB1086 in the discussion of River issues.

### **SB1086 a Positive Example at Agency Meeting**

At a meeting with Secretary of Resources Mary Nichols and Secretary of Agriculture Bill Lyons to address farmers concerns with government acquisition of Ag land, Diana Jacobs, Chair of the Riparian Habitat Committee, and Burt Bundy, Coordinator, were asked to provide an outline of the SB1086 Program and it's efforts to bring together a broad based forum with local support to develop guidelines for restoration along the Sacramento River. Diana and Burt described the interaction between restoration and flood control facilities and the establishment of the non-profit organization to coordinate efforts within the Sacramento River Conservation Area. While most in attendance subscribed to the SB1086 process, some pointed out the long history of SB1086 in developing credibility and trust that may not be possible in a limited time frame. It was encouraging to see the recognition and support of the SB1086 Program.

### **~Meeting Notices~**

- Riparian Habitat Committee, December 1, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Maxwell Inn, Maxwell
- MOA signing ceremony, December 2, 10 a.m., The Capitol
- Hamilton City Working Group, December 14, 2 p. m., Hamilton City Fire Hall

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